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SUBJECT: Laboratory Toy Testing Procedures

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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was requested by representatives of the Boyds Collection through Ray Benson (MASC). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss toy testing procedures in use at the Engineering Laboratory (LSE) with a particular emphasis on tests applied to stuffed animals and bean bag toys.

The visitors were provided with a copy of the Engineering Test Manual Requirements for Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children Under 8 Years of Age (ESDOC 542993). The equipment generally used in testing was described and demonstrated. Vendor names for equipment similar to that used at LSE were provided by CPSC staff.

The company representatives brought with them samples of products to discuss specific test issues - particularly, applicability of tests on ornamental attachments to the product (e. g. hair bows and buttons). These products were examined by LSE staff, and the tests that would be appropriate for them were discussed.